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In re Application of :
Troyer, Thornton, Whiting & Kaufman : LETTER
Application No. 10/040,508 :
Filed: December 28, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 573-1 :

This letter is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed on February 4, 2002 and supplemented on July 10, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d), petitioners have submitted a copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in Application No. 09/725,608, of which the instant filing is a divisional application. Furthermore, petitioner has submitted a copy of the decision, mailed on , granting a petition to accord § 1.47 status to the prior application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. No fee has been or will be charged.

The Office will not forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor because notice regarding the filing of the prior application has already been sent to the non-signing inventor.

After this decision is mailed, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-67212.

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